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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>.

Please REPLACE page 28, lines 16-17, with the following:

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are set in a frame (Frame Format) using each-the FC protocol as illustrated in Fig. 10A, or in the session layer of the iSCSI protocol as illustrated in Fig. 10B, so that encapsulation can be made.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 18, with the following:



Such an encapsulated frame-SCSI information is transmitted, for example as an optical ON/OFF signal over an optical fiber, whereby it becomes possible to transmit/receive a command and a piece of data using the as SCSI information encapsulated in a data protocol that is not the SCSI protocol to/from a partner side another device at a remote site.